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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The revival of the Vigilance Committees envisaged by me in my Budget speech will, I hope, be helpful in this matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have got only 8 more minutes to cover the remainder of the questions."

Low cost houses.

* 1453 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the model of low cost houses and the relevant designs of the City Improvement Trust;

(*b*) the estimated cost of a low cost house, the area covered by it and the sanitary arrangements provided therein;

(*c*) the maximum number of persons (family members) that can occupy a low cost house; and

(*d*) what are the schemes of the Trust to lease out the houses on a permanent easy instalment basis to the respective occupiers and the period of agreement?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes. The Government have examined the designs prepared by the Madras City Improvement Trust, Corporation of Madras and the Public Works Department. They have approved the design No. JCA. 310/53 submitted by the Public Works Department.

" (*b*) The estimated cost is Rs. 360 for each house with thatched roof and Rs. 480 for each house with tiled roof.

The plinth area of each house is 187 square feet.

Proper drainage facilities and community type latrines will be provided.

" (*c*) A family consisting of four to five persons can live in a house.

" (*d*) The Trust has no such schemes."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the Government examined only the designs drawn by the City Improvement Trust or whether they examined the models constructed by the City Improvement Trust? May I know whether the City Improvement Trust constructed any models at all? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have examined the designs."

Grant to St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput.

* 1454 *Q*.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be peased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are giving any grant to St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput; and

(*b*) if so, how much last year?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Rs. 23,091."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the correspondent of this institution—St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput—is carrying on anti-Indian activities? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No such thing has come to the notice of the Government."

Executive Officer for Pappinisseri Panchayat Board.

* 1455 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether an Executive Officer has been appointed for the Pappinisseri Panchayat Board in Chirakkal taluk; and

(b) whether a request was made by the Board not to appoint an Executive Officer on grounds that the Board cannot afford to meet the expenditure?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there has been a tremendous fall in the revenue derived by the panchayat board and in view also of the request made by the panchayat board to keep the decision of the Government to appoint an Executive Officer in abeyance, will the Government accept the suggestion of the panchayat board and thus save it from financial collapse? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The policy of the Government is to appoint Executive Officers for all A class panchayat boards. Accordingly, the Government have appointed an Executive Officer for the Pappinisseri Panchayat Board also. The income derived by the panchayat board is Rs. 12,000 and the population of the village is more than 13,000. The panchayat board can afford to pay the salary of the Executive Officer."

Cox Colony, Chintadripet.

* 1456 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tenements constructed for the benefit of Harijans in the Cox Colony at Chintadripet, Madras;

(b) the area of the tenement and the number of rooms constructed;

(c) the estimated cost of construction of the tenements;

(d) the number of Harijan families and the population of Harijans residing in the colony;

(e) the number of tenements to be constructed in 1955;